

CHAPTER 7 COMMUNICATIONS

7-1. COMMUNICATIONS.

a. All units training outside the cantonment area or on firing ranges must maintain communications at all times with "Bullis Control." The Camp Bullis Operations call sign is "Bullis Control," FM 34.20 (new squelch on).

b. All aircraft operating in airspace over Camp Bullis will maintain communications with "Bullis Control" on ultra high frequency (UHF) 299.9 (primary) or FM 34.20 (alternate). All air operations will be conducted IAW the Camp Bullis Air Operations SOP, and FSH Reg 95-1, Aviation General Provisions, Local Flight Rules and Flight Standardization.

c. Units firing may be required to provide Camp Bullis Operations with FM communications or another form of communications (hand-held radio, etc.) and an operator, prior to range going HOT.

(1) Primary means: FM communications or another form of radio.

(2) Alternate means: Range telephone located in range tower on selected ranges, or cellular phone.

(3) Taping or splicing into wire circuits or displacing permanent lines is not authorized.

(4) Stringing wire on permanent poles or burying lines across improved roads is prohibited.

(5) Wire may be installed in overhead positions over roads, provided it is placed a minimum of 18 feet above the roadway and marked with engineer tape where wire leaves the wood line, and at two places either side of the roadway center.

(6) Wire will not be suspended overhead in open areas where it presents an extreme hazard to helicopters.

(7) Wire referenced in sub-paragraph (6), above, will be removed when training has been completed.

(8) Wire is not authorized anywhere within the cantonment area.

(9) Communications with "Bullis Control" are required during all firing/training. Units will not occupy ranges/maneuver/training areas or begin firing/training until communications are established. Units will cease fire/training upon loss of communications. Communications with "Bullis Control" are required during all movement off the hard surfaced range roads, whether it is for training, firing, maneuvering or reconnaissance. If units lose communications with "Bullis Control" they will cease their operations until communications are again established.

(10) Necessary repairs and installation of telephone communications to terminal connections at logistical facilities, ranges and training areas will be accomplished by the Information Technology Business Center (ITBC), upon request of Camp Bullis Operations, on DA Form 3938, Local Service Request.

(11) Using units will assign qualified operators to communications equipment, and will instruct operators to remain with the equipment at all times.

(12) As a minimum, on-the-hour communications checks will be initiated by units in maneuver/training areas to "Bullis Control."

d. Administrative telephones in maneuver/training areas are located in assigned unit headquarters buildings. Training unit commanders will ensure telephones are used for official business only.

e. Frequencies set aside for training unit's internal nets are IAW unit Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Signal Operating Instructions (SOIs). Frequency assignment and coordination will be through the Information Technology Business Center, Frequency Control Section, 221-1066.